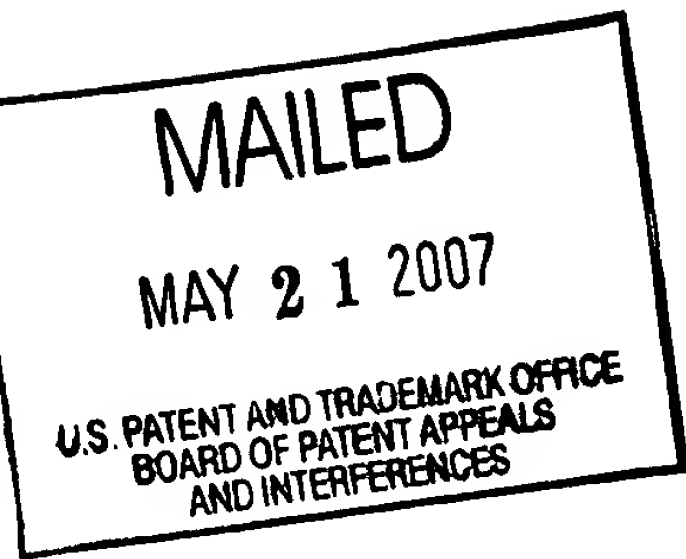


UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte RANDOLPH J. NOELLE, BRUCE R. BLAZAR,
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Application 09/835,126

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on March 26, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

The content under the heading “**SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER**” contained in the Appeal Brief filed on October 3, 2006 does not provide a sufficient summary of the independent claims involved in the appeal, which, for each independent claim involved in the appeal, shall refer to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference

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characters. *See* 37 CFR § 41.37(c)(1)(v). In particular, the appellant did not map the claims to the specification. Correction is required. MPEP § 1205.03 states:

When the Office holds the brief to be defective solely due to appellant's failure to provide a summary of the claimed subject matter as required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v), an entire new brief need not, and should not, be filed. Rather, a paper providing a summary of the claimed subject matter as required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v) will suffice. Failure to timely respond to the Office's requirement will result in dismissal of the appeal. *See* MPEP § 1215.04 and §711.02(b).

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- 1) hold the Appeal Brief filed on October 3, 2006, defective;
- 2) notify appellants to file a paper providing a summary of the claimed subject matter as required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v);
- 3) consider the paper providing a summary of the claimed subject matter as required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v) and;
- 4) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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